

## **Department of Energy**

Western Area Power Administration
Desert Southwest Customer Service Region
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## Dear Tribal Representative:

The Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) Firm Electric Service contracts administered by the Desert Southwest Region (DSW) of Western Area Power Administration (Western) expire on September 30, 2017. On December 20, 2011, the Hoover Power Plant Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-72) (HPAA) was enacted into law. The HPAA prescribes certain key aspects for the marketing of the BCP as of October 1, 2017, including specified amounts of contingent capacity and firm energy to be offered by Western to existing BCP Contractors. The HPAA also directs Western to create a resource pool of contingent capacity and firm energy to be allocated to new allottees.

Western is committed to timely and meaningful communication with Tribes and other interested parties as it prepares for implementation of the HPAA. On February 24, 2012, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) established Resolution 0112 (enclosed) which formally requests a meeting with Western and associated agencies in order to discuss Western's pending Hoover Power allocation criteria and process and any other related future Federal actions which may affect the allocation of Hoover Power. In response to this resolution, Western and ITCA representatives established a Tribal consultation meeting to be held on April 5, 2012 at 9:00 am at Western's DSW office located at 615 South 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The enclosed agenda shall serve as a general guide for the meeting's discussions.

Western recognizes that the ITCA is requesting this meeting as a collective organization of 20 Arizona Tribes. However, this scheduled meeting does not preclude Western from consulting with individual Arizona Tribes regarding the Hoover Power allocation criteria and process. Along with this scheduled meeting, Western extends an invitation to any Tribe in the DSW marketing area who may wish to have separate discussions with Western. Western is pleased to provide for future discussions either at a Western facility or at a location designated by the Tribe.

If you are a U.S. citizen, please be sure to bring an official form of picture identification, such as a driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, which you will be asked to show prior to signing in at Western. If you are a foreign national and plan to attend, please contact Sylvia Macfarlane at 602-605-2664 or Macfarl@wapa.gov immediately to obtain the necessary form for admittance to Western.

Information on the BCP Post 2017 marketing effort is available on Western's website at http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmkt/BCP\_Remarketing/BCP\_Remarketing.htm. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Simonton, BCP Post 2017 Project Manager, at (602) 605-2675 or Simonton@wapa.gov.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures**